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SUBJ: UNFDAC/PERU AGREEMENT

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF UN NEWS RELEASE DATED AUG. 5:

QUOTE:

THE GOVERNMENT OF PERU AND THE UNITED NATIONS FUND FOR DRUG ABUSE CONTROL TODAY SIGNED AN AGREEMENT EXTENDING FOR ANOTHER 17 MONTHS A PROGRAMME AIMED AT HALTING THE ILLEGAL PRODUCTION, TRAFFICKING, AND ABUSE OF COCA AND ITS DERIVATIVE, COCAINE.

SIGNING ON BEHALF OF THE RESPECTIVE PARTIES WERE AMBASSADOR ALFONNZO ARIAS-SCHREIBER, PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF PERU TO THE OFFICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN GENEVA, AND DR. J.G. DE BEUS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE FUND.

IT IS ESTIMATED THAT ABOUT 6 MILLION KG OF COCA LEAVES ARE CONSUMED IN PERU LOCALLY EACH YEAR BY SOME 900,000 COCA CHEWERS. CHEWING THE LEAVES SUPPRESSES NORMAL HUNGER PANGS AND SEEMS TO BE LINKED TO UNDER-NOURISHMENT. AT LEAST 20 PERCENT OF THE SCHOOL CHILDREN AND 30 PERCENT OF THE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS IN PERU USE NARCOTIC DRUGS.

APPROXIMATELY 17,500 COCA PRODUCERS IN 11 PROVINCES PRODUCE  
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ABOUT 10 MILLION KG OF COCA EACH YEAR WITH THE AUTHORIZATION OF THE GOVERNMENT. THERE ARE STRONG INDICATIONS THAT THE AMOUNT OF COCA PRODUCED ILLICITLY EXCEEDS THIS AMOUNT.

PERU AND BOLIVIA ARE PRESENTLY THE MAIN PRODUCERS OF ERYTHROXYLON COCA AND THE PROJECT IS DESIGNED TO HELP PROMOTE REGIONAL CO-OPERATION IN ILLICIT TRAFFIC AND DRUG ABUSE CONTROL.

THE LONG-RANGE OBJECTIVES CITED IN THE AGREEMENT INCLUDE FINDING  
ALTERNATIVES TO THE CULTIVATION OF COCA, ERADICATING THE CHEWING  
HABIT, INTEGRATING THE RURAL POPULATION INTO THE NATIONAL ECONOMY  
AS AN ACTIVE ELEMENT, AND REDUCING ILLICIT TRAFFIC AND DRUG  
ABUSE AS FAR AS POSSIBLE IN THE VARIOUS SOCIAL STRATA.  
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2. MISSION WILL FORWARD TEXT OF AGREEMENT WHEN AVAILABLE.  
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